

Hazardous Materials Commission

Draft Minutes **Operations Committee**

July 9, 2021

Members and Alternates

Present: Marielle Boortz, Fred Glueck, Steve Linsley, Gabe Quinto, Tim Bancroft (alternate) Heather Youngs (alternate), Madeline Kronenberg (alternate)

Absent: Rick Alcaraz, Audrey Comeaux (represented by alternate), Sara Gurdian (represented by alternate)

Staff: Michael Kent, Matt Kaufmann

Members of the Public: Jan Warren

- 1) **Call to order, announcements:** Commissioner Glueck called the meeting to order at 10:02 am.

Michael Kent announced:

- DTSC will be holding a webinar on the proposed regulatory framework to address the requirements of AB 673 on July 14th at 10:30.
- The Board of Supervisors Sustainability committee (Gioia and Glover) will be meeting on Monday, July 26th at 1:00 by zoom.

- 2) **Approval of Minutes:**

The minutes of the June 11, 2021 meeting were moved by Commissioner Boortz, seconded by Commissioner Linsley, and approved with corrections by a vote of 6 – 0.

- 3) **Public Comments:** None

- 4) **Old Business:**

- a) **Review Sea Level Rise survey for implementation**

The committee reviewed the survey approved by the full Commission on June 24, 2021. Staff asked them to consider what level of SLR they would like to use to determine which businesses to include in the survey. The committee then reviewed the maps generated by the 2 Contra Costa Adapting to Rising Tides studies predicting SLR at various years and in combination with flooding, and the map of businesses impacted by 77 inches of SLR.

Commissioner Glueck said he would like to send the survey to all businesses that would be impacted by 77 inches of SLR. He added that he would like to add language to the survey that the Commission is not necessarily saying they are predicting this, but that they are picking this

level of impact as the most aggressive for planning purposes. Commissioner Quinto said he agreed.

Commissioner Bancroft pointed out that in his experience with the businesses that he works with don't plan for more than 20 years into the future, and they use the 100-year flood predictions as the worse-case-scenario. Therefore, he thought they might want to send the survey to businesses impacted by a level of SLR predicted for a sooner date.

After further discussion, the committee agreed they would recommend to the full Commission that they send the survey to businesses impacted by 77 inches of SLR, and that language be inserted into the survey explaining why this level was chosen. They asked staff to draft language to this effect that could be shared with the rest of the Commission. They also agreed a new question should be added to the survey that would allow businesses that want to work with the County to address the impacts of SLR to include their contact information, and language would be added reminding them that this information would be part of the public record.

5) New Business:

a) Receive updates on implementing recommendations from student interns on school pipeline safety and lithium-ion car battery recycling

Michael Kent reported that regarding Erika Hernandez's recommendations about pipeline safety, he reached out to the Department of Education and was told their efforts to update the school siting guidelines were put on hold indefinitely. Therefore, the committee didn't feel it made any sense to pursue advocating for the recommendations previously made by the Commission any longer. However, Michael Kent said that he still intended to distribute the pipeline safety brochure to the School Districts.

Regarding Kevin Hernandez's recommendations about lithium-ion battery recycling, Michael Kent said that he asked Amalia Cunningham in the Department of Conservation and Development if the Northern Waterfront Economic Development Initiative would consider pursuing a Lithium-Ion car battery recycling facility. She told him that they had gotten one solicitation for this type of industry in the last year or so, but they did not have any sites available that met the company's specifications. She also told him that they have a new Economic Development Manager starting soon who will be the lead for these issues going forward, and that she would introduce him. Michael Kent also said he had reached out to the people at UC Davis who are staffing the Lithium-ion Car Battery Recycling Advisory group for an interview and is waiting for a response.

b) Review updated Student Intern Flyer

Kim Balmorez from the Health Careers Pathways program shared an updated flyer for the intern positions that was edited to take into account comments from the last two interns. The committee reviewed the flyer and made a couple of minor suggestions. Ms. Balmorez said she would finalize the flyer and send a copy to Michael Kent for distribution to all the Commissioners so that they could promote the openings to the organizations to which they belonged.

Commissioner Glueck asked if there is a way for the previous interns, Kevin and Erika to make presentations to other students about the internship. He also wanted to know if it is practical to recruit during the summer. Ms. Balmorez said that she felt Kevin and Erika would be willing to make presentations to students, and she could try to set something up for them, and that she has a number of ways to recruit during the summer through newsletters and employers lists at community colleges.

Michael Kent reminded the committee that the application period would close August 26th, and the committee would do interviews at the Operations committee on September 10th.

c) Develop plan for advertising and interviewing open Commission seats.

Michael Kent explained that the Rick Alcaraz, who held one of the Labor Seats, is having to retire due to health issues one year before his term ends. He said that he is in the process of vacating the seat, which has to be done before the seat can be refilled, and he has been in contact with the President of the Building Trades Council about them nominating a replacement. He also explained that the terms for Business Seat #2 held by the Industrial Association and the Environmental Engineer seat are expiring at the end of this year. He said that the Industrial Association nominates their own candidates, but that the Commission would have to advertise for the open Environmental Engineer seat and alternate. He would begin the advertising process right away, the application period would close on August 26th, and the Operations Committee would conduct interviews at their September 10th meeting.

6) Plan Next Agenda: Review the SLR survey if necessary, continue review of implementation of intern recommendations, and discuss the information collected from County staff on SLR efforts.

7) Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:38.